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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--THE MILITARY SITUATION

Fighting has subsided on the east bank of the Mekong River near Phnom Penh as the Khmer Communists have broken off their attacks against several riverside villages. Government units conducting clearing operations on the Mekong's west bank some ten miles above the capital are encountering stiff resistance, however. Insurgent rocket crews are continuing their sporadic and relatively ineffective shellings of Phnom Penh.

Elsewhere, government relief columns have been unable to break the Communist encirclement of three positions near the provincial capital of

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Kompong Chhnang--50 miles northwest of Phnom Penh--
and the insurgents are maintaining control over a
short stretch of Route 6 linking the provincial
capitals of Battambang and Siem Reap in the far
northwest. The situation remains unchanged on the
Route 4 front where a government task force is still
bogged down in intense fighting 30 miles southwest
of Kompong Speu.

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